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Cloudy and warmer tonight. Rain or snow Tuesday.

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MAYOR SHANK AND HIS AIDS TAKE OFFICE

CHARLES A. BOOKWALTER, President of the park board. ERNEST L. KINGSTON, President of the Board of Public Safety. CHARLES E. COFFIN, President of the Board of Public Works. MAYOR SAMUEL LEWIS SHANK. TAYLOR E. GRONINGER, Corporation Counsel. JOSEPH L. HOGUE, City Controller. JOHN L. ELLIOTT, City Civil Engineer.

An engineer, a retail coal dealer, a lawyer, a newspaper man, a clothier and a printer are included among the men who sat at the right and left hands of Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank at the outset of his administration today.

John Lloyd Elliott, the engineer, has been senior assistant city civil engineer during the Jewett administration. Joseph L. Hogue, a coal retailer, has been one of Mr. Shank's personal lieutenants for several years, as has Taylor E. Groninger, another lawyer. Charles E. Coffin is the treasurer of the Indianapolis Star. Ernest L. Kingston, a clothier, is manager of the Lincoln shop of L. Strauss & Co. and was the acting Republican city chairman in the municipal campaign. Charles A. Bookwalter, a printer, is a former mayor who has been widely known for years because of his interest in civic advancement.

U. S. STRENGTH IS DISCLOSED BY TIGHT ERA

Nation Moves Along, Despite Drastic Deflation.

1922 GIVES HOPE

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger.
By RICHARD SPILLANE.

In various of its phases 1921 was the most remarkable year in the history of American business. It saw the climax—the close—of the most rapid and drastic liquidation to which the Nation ever was subjected. The marvel is that with the crumbling of values, the very great swing from the peaks to the depths, the prostration that affected so many industries and the widespread unemployment, there was no suggestion of panic, little disorder, bank failures were comparatively negligible, and commercial failures not so many as might be expected.

The new year gives promise of slow but steady improvement. Anything other than that would be unhealthy and bring painful reactions. The process of readjustment is not complete in all branches of industry. It is not natural that it would be in so short a time in a century of such vast extent and multitude of activities.

The year was no more remarkable in its material than in its moral aspect. Through agreement for limitation of armaments, the nations open a new page in world history, one of cheer to all mankind; one that should mean not only less war, but more of international trade; less of destruction and more of construction in every land and every clime. When did the turn in the tide come—1921? In some industries it came earlier than others. In some it is not particularly manifest today. But the man searcher of later times who studies

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South Dakota Town Feels Severe Quake

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Jan. 2.—A violent earthquake at 8:50 a. m. today shaked the vicinity. Chimneys were torn down, dishes tumbled off pantry shelves and windows broken. No injuries have been reported.

Strike Threatened by N. Y. Harbor Boatmen

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Strike of boatmen in the New York harbor threatened to become general today as crews of several towing and lighterage firms refused to accept wage terms.

Workmen quit following announcement of the Masters and Pilots Association that a new wage scale, revised downward, had become operative Jan. 1.

CRUX OF PEACE STILL LIES ON RHINE'S BANKS

Demands of French Traceable to Treaty Failure.

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger.
By COL. EDWARD M. HOUSE.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Last August, when the opinion was expressed that the Washington conference could not count upon the cooperation of France in its efforts toward the limitation of armaments, the events of the past few weeks were anticipated. The reasons set forth then were based upon conditions which have remained unchanged.

It is useless to deny that France's attitude regarding the limitation of armaments, both on land and sea, has shocked this country, but it should have been known in advance. The cause for her action goes back to the tripartite treaty, in which Great Britain and the United States guaranteed to come to the aid of France if an unwarranted attack was made upon her by Germany. For this guarantee she gave up her demand for some disposition of the left bank of the Rhine, which would have given, according to her military experts, the security desired. The tripartite treaty failed of ratification in our Senate, going down with the Versailles treaty which included the League of Nations.

Having given up the plans for self-protection on her eastern frontier, and having failed to obtain substantial assurances elsewhere, France feels compelled to fall back upon her own resources. These resourcesc are mainly the army, supplemented by man power from French colonies. Left as she is, France stands today with less than 40,000,000 of people, against whom she visualizes nearly 60,000,000 of Germans. It is a handicap which she is seeking

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FIRE FIGHTERS SEE SHAKE-UP IN PERSONNEL

Safety Board Makes Shift of Fifty-Eight Men.

LIST MADE PUBLIC

Fifty-eight officers and men in the fire department were due to enjoy or suffer changes in rank through action of the new board of public safety this afternoon. All of the changes were to be made upon formal recommendation of John J. O'Brien, newly appointed fire chief. Many of the promotions and reductions have not been announced heretofore and were kept from publication by Chief O'Brien in order that there might be as little disruption of the morale of the department as possible.

The shake-up was due to result in the promotion of one battalion chief to first assistant chief, promotion of six captains to battalian chiefs, reduction of three battalion chiefs to captains, retirement on pension of two battalion chiefs, two captains and two lieutenants; reduction of six captains to privates and one captain to lieutenant, promotion of eleven lieutenants and one private to captains, reduction of two lieutenants to privates, promotion of eight chauffeurs and seven privates to lieutenants and promotion of six privates to chauffeurs.

First Assistant Chief Simeon C. Hoyl was to retain his rank as were Battalion Chiefs Harry Voshell and J. Harry Johnson. Jacob Reidel was to be appointed to the department with the rank of second assistant chief in charge of the bureau of fire prevention with Louis W. Stanley as assistaint with the rank of captain and Ben C. Wheat as clerk, with the rank of private. Wheat's job and rank were unchanged.

Captains finally slated for promotion to battalion chiefs are: John Monaghan, Fred C. Kennedy, Augustus W. Albrecht,

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Directory New City Officials

Holders of important city offices taking their posts today, the men they replace and their salaries, are as follows:

Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank, succeeding Charles W. Jewett, $7,500.

City Judge Delbert O. Wilmeth, succeeding Walter Pritchard, $4,000.

City Clerk John W. Rhodehamel, succeeding George O. Hutsell, $3,000.

Corporation Counsel Taylor E. Groninger, succeeding Samuel Ashby, $5,000.

City Controller Joseph L. Hogue, succeeding Robert H. Bryson, $4,000.

Purchasing Agent Jesse E. Miller, succeeding Dwight S. Ritter, $5,000.

City Civil Engineer John L. Elliott, succeeding Frank C. Lingenfelter, $3,500 plus part of $4,000 allowed for engineers on track elevation.

Street Commissioner Martin J. Hyland, succeeding A. O. Meloy, $3,000.

Executive secretaries of park department, M. H. Camden, Charles L. Hutchinson and Louis W. Carnefix, succeeding James H. Lowry. Mr. Lowry's salary, $5,500. Salaries of Mr. Carnefix and Mr. Hutchinson to be $1,500 each and Mr. Camden $3,000.

Chief of Police Herman F. Rikhoff, succeeding Jerry E. Kinney, $4,000.

Chief of fire department, John J. O'Brien, succeeding John C. Loucks, $4,000.

Secretary of board of Public health, Dr. Herman G. Morgan, succeeding himself, $4,000.

President of board of public works, Charles E. Coffin, succeeding Mark H. Miller, $3,000.

Members of board of public works, W. H. Freeman and Dr. M. J. Spencer, succeeding Irving W. Lemaux and Richard A. Shirley, $2,500.

President of board of public safety, Ernest L. Kingston, succeeding A. L. Taggart, $1,200.

Members of board of public safety, Edward G. Sourbier and James W. Armitage, succeeding Felix M. McWhirter and Henry L. Dithmer, $1,200.

President of board of public health and charities, Dr. E. E. Hodgin, succeeding W. D. Gatch, $500.

Members of board of public health, Drs. Goethe Link, William H. Foreman and Arthur R. Guedel, succeeding Drs. H. E. Gabe, J. D. Garrett and Orvall Smiley, $100.

President of board of park commissioners, Charles A. Bookwalter succeeds Samuel E. Rauh. No salary.

Members of board of park commissioners, Fred C. Cline, Mrs. Sarah E. Shank and Albert Maguire, succeeding Fred C. Gardner, Charles E. Coffin and Edward A. Stuckmeyer. No salary.

Members of city council, John E. King, Lloyd D. Claycombe, Theodore J. Bernd, Walter W. Wise, Ben H. Thompson, Ira L. Bramblett, Otto Ray, James E. Clauer and Heydon W. Buchanan, succeeding Russell Willson, Dr. O. B. Pettijohn, Louis W. Carnefix, Gustav G. Schmidt, Jesse E. Miller, Lee J. Kirsch, Jacob P. Brown, William B. Peake and Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, Salaries, $900.

41 MEN WILL BE REDUCED IN COP SHAKE-UP

Shank Order Assumes Proportions of Quake.

OFFICERS TOPPLE

The shake-up in the police department ordered by Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank shortly after his election in November assumed the proportions of an earthquake this afternoon as the new board of public safety set about making changes which will mean the reduction of forty-one ranking men.

The officers who were sceduled to topple out of their present places were Chief Jerry E. Kinney to detective captain; Inspector of Detectives Herbert Fletcher to detective sergeant; Captain of Detectives Fred Simon to detective; Lieutenant of Detectives Henry Askins to patrolman; Lieutenant of Detectives Jesse McMurtrie to detective sergeant; Captain Claude Johnson of the traffic department to detective sergeant; seven detective sergeants to patrolmen; two detective sergeants to bicyclemen; one lieutenant of police to bicycleman; one lieutenant of police to sergeant, three lieutenants of police to patrolmen; two captains of police to patrolmen; one captain of police to sergeant; two bicyclemen to patrolmen; one sergeant of police to turnkey; eight police sergeants to patrolmen; one wagonman to patrolman; one motorcycle sergeant to motorcycleman; one police sergeant to bicycleman; three trafficmen to patrolmen.

PROMOTIONS FROM RANKS.

The promotions to fill these vacancies will mark a general movement upward of men from the present ranks.

Herman F. Rikhoff was to be formally appointed to succeed Chief Kinney; Detective Sergeant John Mullen to succeed Inspector Fletcher and Detective Sergeant Michael Hynes to be lieutenant in the detective department.

In the uniform police department Captains Alfred Ray and Ed Ball were to be reduced to patrolmen. Detective Sergeants Frank Row and John White were to be promoted to captains as was Lieutenant Walter White of the uniformed force. Cletus Weaver, Michael Glenn and Edward Schubert were to be reinstated and promoted to captains.

Captain Othello D. Thomas of the uniform force was to be reduced to sergeant and assigned to one of the "night rider" squads.

MEN NAMED TO LIEUTENANTS.

Lieutenant Harley Jones was to be retained in the same rank in the uniformed force and the following promoted to lieutenants: Patrolman George Anderson, and Sergt. Samuel Gaddis. Bicyclemen Robert Hyland, Benjamin Trimpe was to be reinstated and promoted to lieutenant.

Lieutenant Leonard B. Forsythe was to be reduced to patrolman and his place as property clerk assigned to Patrolman Samuel Raridon.

James Tuck was to be reinstated as a patrolman and promoted to captain, then

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NEW CITY OFFICIALS INAUGURATED WITH SIMPLE CEREMONIES

Judge W. W. Thornton Administers Oath in Executive's Private Suite—Begin Work at Once.

HOUSECLEANING IS GENERAL

Samuel Lewis Shank re-entered the city hall as mayor of Indianapolis today after an absence of a little more than eight years.

The man who is known by every man, woman and child in Indianapolis as plain "Lew Shank" took the oath of office at noon amid simple ceremonies, and Charles W. Jewett, who has been mayor for the last four years, resumed his status as a private citizen.

Mr. Shank, surrounded by men who will be his department heads, with Mayor Jewett present, stood in the mayor's suite on the second floor and the oath of office was administered by Judge Thornton of Superior Court, Room 1. After the oath was administered the Rev. W. O. Trueblod, pastor of the First Friends church invoked the divine blessing upon the efforts of the mayor in the next four years.

RHODEHAMEL CARRIES NOTICE TO CITY HALL.

The new city clerk, John W. Rhodehamel, rushed to the city hall as soon as sworn into his office by the retiring clerk, George O. Hutsell, and presented Mr. Shank with his certificate of election provided by the city board of commissioners. After that he took the oath of office, which was immediately filed with the clerk and thus Mr. Shank became mayor. The new mayor and the retiring mayor appeared on the balcony and spoke to the crowd that had gathered in the city hall.

Simultaneously Delbert O. Wilmeth was sworn in as city judge in police court, though he occupied the bench instead of having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Walter Pritchard, who resigned Saturday. The action was a move in order to remove legal barriers against the expected attempt of J. Herbert Hartman, removed as the Republican candidate for judge, to attempt to gain William Mr. Shank was swept into office in two of the most trying and exacting campaigns in the history of Indianapolis politics.

First he fought and won the Republican nomination last spring overwhelming odds. In that race the forces of the city organization were against him in favor of Thomas C. Howe, formerly president of Butler College.

Then in the fall, with many of the factions in the Republican ranks unhappy, he carried the city election with a tremendous majority over his Democratic opponent, Boyd M. Ralston.

The new mayor in selecting the men who will govern the city with him, made practically a clean sweep of all appointments, ousting all evidence of the past city administration and naming men whom he has tried in past campaigns.

Mr. Shank was mayor from 1910 to 1914, being succeeded by Joseph E. Bell. Mr. Bell was succeeded by Mr. Jewett. Mr. Shank opposed Mr. Jewett in the primaries of 1917 and succeeding defeated, organized a Home Rule party and ran second to Mr. Jewett in the fall election.

The mayor-elect and his appointees, both prominent and minor, gathered in the city hall two hours before the inauguration. Hundreds of persons thronged the city building, job hunters, likewise were anything but scarce, hoping up to the last minute that they could get the ear of the mayor or his advisers.

The spectators, present and future office holders, whiled away the hours talking politics and eating apples and smoking cigars that were passed out liberally every office.

The inauguration over, the mayor received the keys to the mayor's office, the master key for all doors in the city hall from Mr. Jewett.

Meanwhile, Taylor B. Groninger, after the oath as corporation counsel was filed with the city clerk and certificate that it has been received returned to him. Thus legally the new corporation counsel with a staff made the rounds of the offices of other department heads and completed their appointments in the same manner. The officials so inducted are

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ONLY MINOR POSTS AWAIT RATIFICATION

New City Boards to Fill Jobs Today.

A number of appointments, not hitherto announced, were to be made by the board of public works and the board of public safety, outside the police and fire departments, as well as Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank in the first meetings this afternoon. In the principal offices, the appointments to be finally confirmed by official appointment were the same as have been announced from time to time. It is in the lesser appointments that most of the new faces are slated to appear.

Among appointments not published heretofore scheduled to be accomplished this afternoon are the following:

Albert Bridges for market house watchman; Bob Hathaway and Fred Kitts for deputy inspectors of weights and measures; Emma Johnstone for bookkeeper in the purchasing department and Gladys Hicks to be clerk and Opal M. Priest to remain as clerk in the purchasing department.

Grace Guest for bookkeeper in the public works department; Tom Parsley for engineer at city hall; Jackson Ben-

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WANDALISM SEEN IN WRECKING OF SECOND CAR OVER RIVER BANK

A second automobile within as many days was found by the police today lying almost in the White River, on the east bank of the Cold Springs road, between Fortieth and Forty-first streets.

The car, a total wreck, evidently was pushed over the bluffs, which at this point is about one hundred feet high. The car dropped about fifty feet when it struck a ledge and rolled over almost into the water, fifty feet below.

According to Sherman Miers, 1651 North Pennsylvania street, the owner, the car was stolen from in front of his home the time between 8 and 11 o'clock last night. The speedometer of the car showed that the thieves had driven it only [illegible] miles when they pushed it over the embankment.

The car which the police found in the river and which is believed to have contained the body of a man Saturday was found by Guy Burns of Lebanon and was stolen from Illinois and Ohio streets Tuesday.

A second car was found in the river by Thomas Linn, an employe of the Pressley Automobile Company, which assisted the police in raising the other car from the river Saturday.

NECESSARY TO TURN ACROSS ROAD.

It is believed the wreckage of Mr. Miers' car was a piece of vandalism, because the road is parallel with the river at this point and to drive the car over it was necessary to turn it across the road.

Police were dragging the river today near the place where the first automobile was found to locate the body. Because of the swift current, and the high water the officers were experiencing great difficulty.

Lieut. Michael Hynes, in charge of the automobile section, and Detective William Ruggenstein, are making an investigation of the wreckage.

FALLS IN PILE OF RUBBISH.

The only thing which prevented the first car from going into the river and into deep water, was the fact that it fell in a pile of rubbish after it left the road. Mr. Miers, who is a sales agent for the National Automobile Company, said that the car had only been run about 5,000 miles.

Mr. Burrus reported his auto stolen from Ohio and Illinois streets, Tuesday night. Everett Strossmeier, 1749 Eugene street, and Timothy Bruce, 1114 Roch street, saw the automobile in the river near the Cold Springs road, Wednesday. When they again saw the car there Thursday, they removed a license plate and turned it over to Robert Hume of the automobile license department at the State House.

Mr. Hume notified Lieut. McMurtry of the detective department and he found the automobile had been stolen Tuesday night. The owner of the car was notified.

Mr. Burns obtained the services of John Pressly, owner of the John Pressley Automotive Company, and Mr. Linn to get the car out of the river. These men attached a cable to the automobile and started to drag it up the steep bank.

As the cable became taut the car was lifted and the body was released from beneath it. The body floated down stream and disappeared.

WEATHER

Fair for Indianapolis and vicinity for twenty-four hours ending at 7 p. m. Jan. 3, 1922:

Cloudy and warmer tonight; Tuesday unsettled and warmer with rain or snow.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m.	14
9 a. m.	15
12 m.	15
3 p. m.	18

REPRIEVE TERM OF PARSONS UP; JAIL NEXT STEP

Convicted Man at Liberty Through Efforts of Former Mayor.

Harry Parsons, convicted in the Marion County Criminal Court in May, 1920, for receiving stolen property, must go to jail. The ten days reprieve granted him by Governor Warren T. McCray, Dec. 22, expired today and the Governor said he would not grant additional clemency, and that he would follow the recommendations of the pardon board.

Parsons, through the influence of former Mayor Charles W. Jewett, has been attempting to gain a pardon from the State pardon board, but it was learned today that the board had not made any recommendations for clemency.

Shortly after he was sentenced to the reformatory from one to fourteen years he appealed to the State Supreme Court, which upheld the verdict of the jury in the Criminal Court. He then asked that the Supreme Court rehear the case, but this motion was denied. He then asked the pardon board to hear the case.

Parsons was granted a reprieve on Nov. 22, while the case was being heard by the pardon board. Rather than send him away before Christmas the Governor granted him an additional reprieve.

Mr. Jewett appeared before the board and asked that Parsons be paroled, because the confession was wrung from him at the point of a gun by his confederates, according to the former mayor.

Parsons, it is believed, will be taken to the reformatory at Jeffersonsville in a few days by Sheriff George Snider.

Several police officers, who were instrumental in the arrest and conviction of Parsons appeared before the pardon board and told of how Parsons confessed to them, denying the mayor's statement.

Resolution to Widen Michigan St. Passed

A resolution providing for the widening of Michigan street between East and Noble streets was adopted by the former board of works Saturday, Mark Miller, former chairman of the board, announced today.

The street will be widened twenty-nine and one-half feet at this point. The widening of Michigan street is in harmony with the plan of Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank who hopes to have a crosstown car line constructed on Michigan street.

WRANGLE DEVELOPS IN HEALTH BOARD AND RUMORS CLASH

Discord in the board of health broke out today with the opening of the new administration.

Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank announced that Dr. Karl R. Ruddell, Democrat, appointed to the board, would not be a member and that Dr. William H. Foreman, 414 Hume-Mansur building, would be given the place.

Two hours later Mayor Shank announced Dr. Ruddell would not be a member of the board and that he did not know who would be appointed in his place.

There was a report that Dr. Richard A. Poole would not be superintendent of the city hospital. Both Mr. Shank and Dr. E. E. Hodgin, chairman of the board, refused to confirm or deny the report.

Two hours later, Dr. Hodgin stated positively that Dr. Poole would be superintendent of the hospital. Mayor Shank said the hospital matter was entirely up to the board and he had nothing to do with it.

It was reported the removal of Dr. Ruddell was brought about by a controversy over the Poole appointment.

May Build Garage Under Plaza Site

A plan to place the proposed new municipal garage under the two south blocks of the proposed war memorial site was suggested at a meeting of the former board of works Saturday. The suggestion was made by Mark Miller, president of the former board, who had an investigation made of the project. This was suggested to relieve congestion of downtown traffic, it was said.

New Grand Jury Panel Will Report on Jan. 5

Judge James A. Collins of the Criminal Court was unable to obtain a grand jury for the January term which was to have opened today. Three of those called for jury service were over eighty years of age, two were unable to serve because of their employment and the sixth was moving to Arizona. The court has ordered a new panel drawn which is to report Jan.5.

Ashby to Serve on Fairbanks Board

Samuel Ashby, former corporation counsel, was appointed the seventh trustee of the Cornelia Cole Fairbanks memorial bequest by the other six members of the board, it was announced today. The bequest of $50,000 was made the city by Charles Warren Fairbanks, former Vice President of the United States, in honor of his wife.

Mr. Ashby's selection as a member of the board completed the organization, and it will meet Tuesday to take action on investing the money.

Luxury Tax, Held Nuisance, Off Slate

DISLIKED MORE THAN CAUSE OF 'TEA PARTY'

Fidgety Americans Express Their Relief

Gone is the luxury tax, or as it is sometimes called the nuisance tax, which has caused so much confusion and bad feeling among purchasers of railroad tickets, toilet articles, clothing, general merchandise, Pullman berths, soda water and numerous other articles for the better part of the last four years.

For when Old Man 1921 departed at midnight Saturday he took with him the greater part of the luxury tax, probably one of the most generally disliked taxes ever imposed on the American people since the days of the tea tax that ended in the famous Boston Tea Party. The unpopular feature of the tax arose, not so much from any feeling that the amount of money raised under it was excessive or enormous, but from the sheer annoyance of it.

BOTHER GETS ON NERVES.

It was intensely annoying to a purchaser of a railroad ticket or a berth to have to wait while the 8 per cent tax was figured. The patron of the soda counter who paid the amount called for on the face of the check became angry when the cashier at the counter "bawled him out" for neglecting to pay the extra cent or two for the tax. It was not the amount of money involved that aroused all these antagonistic feelings, so much as the bother and annoyance of the things, the customers declared.

Soda cashiers became worn to a frazzle from repeating hundreds of times a day the well worn parrot-like phrase, "Lady, oh lady, you forgot your war tax." One cashier at a down town drug store says she has estimated that since the tax went into effect she has repeated that phrase exactly 1,824,946 times, and now that the tax has been removed she will just have to keep on saying it at regular intervals for a week or two until she can break herself of the habit.

As a plain matter of fact it does not look as if the removal of the tax is going to be reflected by a consequent lowering of prices in all lines of goods affected proportionate with the 3 to 8 per cent tax which has been imposed.

SAVING ON FARES, SODA PRICES SAME.

Of course, the saving will be effected, every penny of it, to purchasers of railroad tickets and Pullman berths. At none of the downtown drug stores has there been any reduction in soda prices outside of popular soft drinks, which in most instances were 1 cent cheaper than before.

This was explained by a druggist who said, "We cannot cut ice cream soda prices further for two reasons. First we have not been asking the customer to pay the tax but have been paying it ourselves; second, the reduction is more apparent and real. It has merely been taken off the drink served at the counter and placed on the syrups, which in the long run amounts to the same thing."

THEATER TAX REMAINS.

"I knew there was a catch in somewhere," a customer said when he heard this explanation. "There always is for the buying public. When the tax went into effect, dealers jumped the price of tooth paste, sodas, soap, toilet articles in general and everything affected about 5 to 10 cents for every cent of tax, and now that the tax has been removed they hate even to reduce the prices by the amount of the tax."

The theater tax still remains. By a provision of the law the tax is removed on all shows where an admission of 10 cents or less is charged. A few years ago when a 10 cent show was a highbrow one indeed and the usual charge for a movie was a jitney, this would have made some difference. But under existing conditions the 10-cent movie is about as scarce in Indiana as a great auk, the buffalo, the passenger pigeon or a one-lung automobile, so as far as theaters are concerned it looks as if the tax will continue in force and for the time being at least.

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